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Dear Family



Mini beasts: This week we continued our Mini Beasts topic. The children have had lots of fun looking for mini beasts in our bug house. The children are very welcome to bring in topic related things from home to share during our mini beasts topic. The children have watched a clip on 'you-tube' from the Tate Kids web-site and saw an exhibition of Henri Matisse's works. We have asked the children to make pictures of various mini-beasts using paper shapes.



Life-cycles: On Friday morning we went to Reception to see the chick eggs in the incubator and we will take the afternoon children to see them on Tuesday. Thank you for returning your slips and your donation. Without your donation it would not be possible for your children to have this wonderful experience. We are all awaiting excitedly to see the chicks!!!



RE: As it was St George's day on Monday the children watched a story about St George and then painted the England flag. They also traced a dotted line from a picture of St. George to the dragon. At the end of the session they took part in some carpet drama of St. George and the Dragon after watching a power-point clip of the story. As May is the month of Mary we will be saying the rosary during prayer time from Tuesday. We are using one set of 10 rosary beads each day, saying 'Mary our Mother, pray for us' for each bead and then the 'Hail Mary'. Your child is welcome to bring in their own rosary beads from home for prayer time if they would like to. We are continuing our topic on 'Good News'. Thank you for sending in the bees and butterflies and sharing your child's good news. There are some spare pieces of paper on the table for you to take to fill in with any other good news.



Literacy: We have continued exploring new sounds this week. We have learnt the letter sounds 't' and 'p'. Next week we will be learning the letter sounds 'i' and 'n'. The children have also been practising naming the sounds and the formation of letter sounds in the alphabet.



Bug Club: We have listened to a story on 'Bug Club' this week. Please remember to read these books with your child. If you are having problems accessing Bug Club please let me know. Thank you.

Maths: 

On Tuesday we went on a shape hunt in the garden and the children found and named various shapes. In the garden we have had the plastic number fishes which the children have been 'catching' and then naming the number on them.



Physical: The children have been using the bikes, scooter and climbing frame to develop their large motor skills. We have been encouraging your children to do lots of drawing, writing and painting to develop their fine motor skills.



Lanterns of the week: This week's 'Lantern of the Week' in our morning session are Alisabel and Eiren. 'Lantern of the Week' in our afternoon session are Aiden and Samuel. Well done to all of them for trying hard in their activities, being a kind friend and for helping in the nursery this week



Library Books: Please remember to return your child's school library book in their book bag on Thursday. Thank you.



Show and Tell: Some children like to bring toys from home to show us. As we don't want them to get forgotten, lost or broken we have now introduced a 'Show and Tell' time. If your child would like to bring in a toy on a Thursday to show to the children and talk about it, please can you ensure their name is on it and we shall have a box for them to put it in. This activity can improve your child's confidence and speaking skills. Please can you discourage your child from bringing in toys on the other days. Thank you.

Reminders:



Clothes: In the summer term children ensure are welcome to wear royal blue David Luke shorts to nursery. You can purchase shorts from Lucilla's uniform shop, Cranbrook Road, Ilford. Can you please ensure that girls with long hair have it tied up and that your child is wearing trainers or flat shoes to nursery, no open sandals. Trainers with a Velcro fastening are most suitable. As the weather gets warmer the children will be also hanging up their jumpers on their pegs more often, so please ensure that your child's name is clearly labelled in their jumpers. Thank you.

Please can you put your child's name in their sun hats. If your child wears wellies or boots to school can you bring in their trainers to wear indoors and ensure they are named. **Please return any nursery clothes as soon as possible.** Thank you to those parents who have donated some spare trousers.

Some dates for your diary:

Monday 7th May – School closed-Bank Holiday.

Thursday 24th May - Last day of term.

Friday 25th May - School closed for staff training.

Monday 28th May – Friday 1st June - Half term holiday.

Monday 4th June - School re-opens.

We hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Coughlan, Mrs Ladd, Mrs Sleigh, Mrs Spinks.